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WOMAN'S WORLD.

HOME.

Alice E. Allen in Good Housekeeping.

Sometimes, in dreams, I see a room
With massive walls and fair;
Rose-shaded lights shut out the gloom,
The air is sweet with flowers in bloom,
And you are there.

Sometimes the room I see in dreams
Is homely, small and bare;
The table waits, the kettle steams,
O'er all the cheery firelight streams,
And you are there.

What matter, dear, which dream come true;
The mansion rich and rare,
The little cottage hid from view
In God's own sunshine, wind and dew,
If you are there?

Christmas Unsentimentality.

"We are developing a horrible frankness about our Christmas presents," sighed a pretty little girl the other day.

"How so?" asked her companion.

"Oh, this business of making out a list and handing it round to our best friends, telling them just exactly what you want. It's a bad precedent to establish. It will do away with the Christmas spirit and all that sort of thing.

"The other day my big brother asked me if I'd like a new frock for Christmas, and with desperate courage I replied that I'd rather have the money to pay for my last one.

"He looked pained, but what would you? I have absolutely no use for a new frock, and my tailor is worrying me dreadfully over the bill for that last one.

"Bessie asked me the other day if I would like a new pair of long gloves. I tried to look pleased, but I finally burst forth: For heaven's sake don't give me gloves. That's what half the men I know will give me, and my glove-box will be filled to overflowing for the next six months.

"Then,' she said, 'how about a new pin?'

"I looked sadly at her. How could I have the heart to tell her that I loathe cheap jewelry, which is the only kind she can afford to give me, and I faintly murmured that I had more than I could use now.

"Next she said: 'I think I'll give you the material for a blouse.'

"I tried to look pleased, and she said curiously, 'Don't you want it?'

"I hesitated and then I said: 'Bessie, I can't sew, and if I could I haven't time for it. When I have anything to be made I consume all my energy in seeing dressmakers, deciding on styles, and getting fitted. I'm usually a nervous wreck by the time I get thru.

"'Besides,' I added reflectively, 'I don't think separate blouses and skirts are in good taste. I'm trying to give them up.

"Bessie looked at me in what, I presume, was natural indignation, and then she stalked out, turning, at the doorway, to deliver herself of this Parthian shot: 'When you decide what you do want, will you let me know?'

"Now, of course, she will give me something for which I have absolutely no use, but at least she won't give me a long pair of gloves, a pin, or the material for a blouse," and the pretty little girl sighed again as she said, "but it's heartrending to have to be so brutally frank about it."

Do These Suggest It?

A hand-painted fan.
A pair of long gloves.
A berthe or collar of real lace.
A silver-mounted manicure set.
A book plate expressly designed.
A dainty blouse or a set of furs.
A silver hair brush and comb in a case.
A comfortable easy chair or a revolving bookcase.
A set of old silver or enamel buttons, suitable for a coat or blouse.
A set of books by some favorite author or a new standard novel.
A standing wickerwork basket, with a satin-lined tray underneath.
A set of tortoise-shell brushes with the initials in gold upon the backs.
A set of gold blouse pins, with the monogram of the recipient upon them.
A silver-mounted purse, with the initials engraved on the right-hand corner.

Wisdom's Whispers.

Take a man at his word and you are apt to make him question his shrewdness.

Women dislike to do things in a half way manner—with them it is all or none.

To the mind of most men the ideal wife is the one who knows how little she really knows.

A woman is supremely happy when she is permitted to hold the post of a critic.

A man thinks he knows what love means until he has had an acute attack of it.

Women's idea of happiness is based upon something intangible and beyond explanation.

The man of middle life without a wife is sure he has the best ideas on how to be happy tho married.

Everything a woman does is supposed to be based on a sense of the highest honor.

The popularity of many a man rests upon what he does not do rather than what he does do.

When a woman says she thoroly understands her husband you can rest assured he understands her weaknesses.

A FALSE IMPRESSION.

$2.00 for 20 Cents.

It is rather difficult sometimes to remove a false impression, but Mr. Chas. Cummings of the Slater Shoe Store has undertaken this task. When he took over the Slater Shoe Store in July the fact was brought home to him that the general public had the impression that his store catered only to the public wishing high-priced shoes. This may be somewhat true in our men's lines, but in our women's and children's departments we cater to people requiring medium value. Now, to bring this home to the purchasing public, he is going to try and induce you to visit the store and see his goods and talk about his business. His Santa Claus will be the most liberal in Toronto, as every child visiting him with its parents will receive a nice souvenir. The store will be decorated regardless of expense; but he wants to get right into the homes of the purchasing public with his wares, put something there that when you look at it in the store, the goods, or some kind recollections of his business will pass through your mind, and with this object in view has imported 2000 beautiful natural wood and gold-framed pictures, which he knows each one on seeing will be a purchaser and a friend. These framed art pictures are worth in a regular way, framed as they are, from $1 to $2, and Mr. Cummings will sell them while they last between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock each morning at 19 1-2 cents and 91-2 cents each—a fraction of their value; five cents extra if delivered. We make no secret of our object. We want you to take these home. Tell your friends you got them from us. That is all we ask. Sale Tuesday morning at 9 and following mornings; 117 Yonge-street.

"THE KIDDIES'" CHRISTMAS.

An appeal for the Children's Aid Society:

Fatherless, motherless, homeless and poor,
Friendless, forsaken, cast from the door.
Think of the kiddies, their sorrows to lighten;
Your purse-strings fling wide, their Christmas to brighten.

Donations of money, groceries, poultry and fruit will be gratefully welcomed by the superintendent at 229 Simcoe-street.

NOT EVEN CHINA?

Washington, Dec. 15.—Foreign contractors are to be barred from competition for the completion of the Panama Canal.

Chairman Shonts of the Isthmian Canal Commission made this announcement to-day.

Wallaceburg Girls Leave Home.

Detroit, Dec. 15.—The police last night picked up two Wallaceburg, Ont., girls, both 15 years of age. One of them was found in a saloon, the bartender of which was formerly a Wallaceburg man. The girl says he had induced her to leave home. She was taken back home to-day by friends. The man was deserted by his wife while living in Wallaceburg, she having eloped with another man, who left his wife and six children in destitution. The other girl claims that a married woman in Wallaceburg induced her to come to Detroit. She has a good home and will be returned to her parents.

Capitalists Inspecting Route.

Stratford, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—A conference was held to-day between members of the board of trade, who hold a charter for an electric railway in this vicinity, and several Montreal and Ottawa gentlemen interested in the Cantlin Radial Railway and Canal undertakings. The delegation was composed of H. Gerin, J. R. Lamendan, St. Vincent; Dr. L. G. Routhier, Dr. Chevier, J. P. Proudhom, J. M. Lavoie, Ottawa. They left to-night on a trip of inspection over the route.

Removal Notice.

Noble's Dominion Detective Agency will in a few days remove to the Trader's Bank new building, Yonge and Colborne-streets. F. D. Burgar will be local manager, Mr. A. E. Noble not being any longer connected with the agency. Alex. F. Noble, principal.

For London's Mayoralty.

London, Dec. 15.—Ald. Greenlees today announced that he will be a candidate for the mayoralty of 1907 in the Liberal interests.

New York Excursion, Dec. 21.

Erie Railroad $9.00 from Buffalo or Suspension Bridge to New York and return. All trains, tickets good 15 days returning. Your chance to spend Christmas and New Year's in the great metropolis. See G.T.R. or C.P.R. for connecting trains. 135

Three Immigrants Asphyxiated.

New York, Dec. 15.—Three men were found dead from accidental gas asphyxiation in a Hoboken hotel to-day. They arrived here two days ago from Rotterdam and intended to send for their families.

RHEUMATISM

Price 25c. Munyon's Rheumatism Cure seldom fails to relieve pains in legs, arms, back, stiff or swollen joints in a few hours. Positively cures in a few days. It does not put the disease to sleep, but drives it from the system. —MUNYON.

TEN BULLETS, TWO BOMBS BUT DUBASSOFF IS UNHURT

Attempt of Terrorists to Murder Ex-Governor of Moscow Miraculously Fails.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—To-day while Admiral Dubassoff, ex-governor of Moscow, was walking along a rather solitary path of the Tauride garden, a young man, dressed as a workman, approached and fired seven shots from a revolver, but missed.

The terrorist then turned and ran, with the admiral in pursuit.

Seeing that capture was imminent, the assailant turned and threw a bomb at his pursuer. Dubassoff was hurled to the ground by the explosion. A watchman ran up and seized the terrorist.

A second terrorist appeared then and threw a bomb at the admiral, which passed over his head and did not explode. The second terrorist then fired three shots at the admiral and missed him.

Dubassoff then threw himself upon the terrorist, disarmed him and held the man until he was arrested.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

In the realm of romantic drama this season, there is no production more elaborate and picturesque than that of "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall," in which Mis Laura Burt and Mr. Henry Stanford, who played leading parts with Sir Henry Irving for five years, will appear at the Princess Theatre all this week, with Wednesday and Saturday matinee. The scenes of Mr. Major's real historic romance, as dramatized by Paul Kester, all transpire within, or in, the neighborhood of, Haddon Hall, the most picturesque and best-preserved of Elizabethan manor houses; and the scenery has all been painted and constructed after actual photographs.

Bickel, Watson and Wrothe of erstwhile fame, are now the laugh creators in the musical comedy, "Tom, Dick and Harry," which was presented at the Grand least season, and which returns this week to give Toronto theatregoers that Xmas feeling necessary at this season of the year. There is a bit of a plot strung thru this musical jingle of hilarious nonsense and this plot is the key to the success of the authors in providing the best vehicle of the kind that has been placed on the amusement market for many moons.

"Sunday," a comedy drama of the west, will be New Year's week attraction at the Grand, and at the Majestic Barney Gilmore will be seen in "A Rock Road to Dublin."

Al W. Martin was the first manager to realize that a revival of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," if properly presented, would renew its former success, and placed the production on a scale of magnificence which has never been equaled. Mr. Martin will bring the grandest revival ever seen to the Majestic this week. The company, all white, numbers 50 people, including a chorus of 20, and every piece of scenery and electrical effect required to make the play are carried.

The distinguished actor, Edwin Arden, will head the bill this week at Shea's Theatre, in his own one-act play "Behind Closed Doors." As a special attraction, one of the big foreign acts lately brought to this country will be seen. The Uessems are called equilibristic wonders, and in the few cities in this country in which they have appeared during the last few weeks, they have been a sensation. Others will be the Empire Comedy Four, leading singing comedians; Franco Piper, novelty banjoist; Mr. and Mrs. Allison, Minnie from Minnesota; John Johns, "the Dixie Boy"; Hendrix and Prescott, singing and dancing, and the Kinetograph.

If you want to see pertty girls, real laugh-producing comedians, beautiful scenery and gorgeous costumes, visit the Star Theatre this week, when "The Jolly Grass Widows" company will be the attraction. The performance will commence with "The Frolicksome Widow," and close with the over-popular burlesque entitled "Are You a Lobster, if Not, Why Not?" in which the entire company will be seen.

The pupils of Dr. Edward Fisher again achieved an artistic success in the program of pianoforte music given in the concert hall of the Conservatory last Friday evening, being their second recital for the present season. Amongst the most ambitious efforts of the evening was the andante sostenuto and allegro scherzando from the brilliant Concerto in G minor by Saint-Saens, in the performance of which Miss Mary L. Caldwell scored a real triumph. Conspicuous features of her work were the purity of scale and arpeggio passages, and the crisp, sparkling rhythm of the chord passages with which this composition abounds. An orchestral accompaniment was steadily and sympathetically played on a second piano by Miss Mabel Boddy, who also appeared in a solo number, the Liszt Rhapsodie, No. 12, which was performed so well as to amply fulfil the high expectations of those who had heard her in the recital of last week. Miss Mary Morley again acquitted herself admirably in the Liszt "Campanella," the technical difficulties of which were overcome with ease, the whole effect being finished and artistic. A scholarly and finished performance of Reinecke's well-known Ballade in A flat was given by Miss Annie Connor, an earnest and successful student, followed by Miss Hazel Ireland, whose playing of the Verdi-Liszt Rigoletto was most satisfactory, showing a distinct advance on her work of last year. Miss Gwendolyn Daville, in the Beethoven Sonata in C sharp minor, op. 27, and Miss Gladys Bullock, in Grieg's Praeludium from the Holberg Suite made a decidedly good impression on their first appearance at Conservatory recitals, of which this was one of the most successful in the history of the institution. The assisting pupils from the vocal and violin departments were Miss May Stockwell, a pupil of A. T. Cringan; Miss Florence Kemp, pupil of Miss H. Ethel Shepherd; Mrs. Ernest Paine, pupil of R. S. Pigott, and Miss Norah M. Hayes, violin pupil of Miss Lena Hayes.

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SPEEDY TRIAL FOR THAW.

Counsel for Defence Wants Quick Judgment or Dismissal.

New York, Dec. 15.—Clifford W. Hartridge, attorney for H. K. Thaw, applied to Justice O'Gorman in the supreme court to-day for an order to show cause why the indictment against Thaw for the murder of Stanford White should not be dismissed unless a speedy trial is granted. The order is made returnable on Monday.

Hartridge declares that Thaw's trial was set for December, when, because of the application for a commission to take the testimony of witnesses outside the state, the trial was put over by the district attorney.

The paper cites that Thaw has now been in prison for 172 days, and not only is his health being impaired, but also the health of his wife and mother, thru anxiety over the "undue and unnecessary delay."

NEGRO CONVICTS AMUCK.

Prison Officials Attacked—One Convict Wins a Pardon.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 15.—In a general fight covering a desperate attempt to-day by negro convicts to escape from the Oakley convict farm, Capt. Buckley sustained a seven-inch gash across the chest, and Sergeant Dodds' left arm was broken. The fight began in the camp hospital, where Ben. Cooper, a long term convict, attacked another negro, Charles Prince, with a razor.

A general fight ensued in which a dozen negroes took part.

Dodds entered the room and was beaten with clubs and iron bars. Buckley was attacked by Cooper, who attempted to cut his throat. Hezekiah Pluny, convict, disarmed Cooper, when the other negroes quieted down.

Governor Vardaman hastened to the scene in a special train. Vardaman brought Pluny back to Jackson and will pardon him.

SANTA CLAUS ON OCEAN LINERS

Three Ships Take to Europe $1,850,614 as Presents.

New York, Dec. 15.—The flow of Christmas presents in the form of money orders from American citizens to their relatives in Europe began this week. Three steamers carried across the ocean the sum of $1,856,614 in money orders alone. The Celtic, which sailed on Dec. 12, carried the largest mail ever despatched from New York by a single steamer. She had aboard 4033 sacks of mail, containing 85,534 registered articles and 58,853 money orders that totaled the sum of $905,088. The largest amount, $279,638, went to Great Britain. Italy was second, getting $143,973. The Augusta Victoria carried $422,122, and the steamer New York, which sailed today, carried $529,422.

GIFTS OF GOOD SENSE.

What a Boy Would Delight to Find in His Stockings.

The useful gift is acceptable always. Usually one puts a pair of stockings inside a pair of shoes, but on Christmas morning a boy, a man, or a woman would be delighted to find a pair of shoes inside a pair of stockings. One can buy a pair of genuine Slater shoes for a boy, and he will be happy for many a day. There is genuine merit and just as much joy in the useful gift.

The Cummings Company at 117 Yonge-street have all kinds of Slater shoes and fine slippers for the useful Christmas gifts.

There are Slater shoe stores at 528 West Queen-street; also at 810 East Queen-street, and on Dundas-street, Toronto Junction.

HARTZELL AND GREY.

London, Dec. 15.—Bishops Hartzell and Burt of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who sailed to-day for South Africa, had interviews before leaving with Foreign Secretary Grey on matters relating to the helpful attitude of Methodism to the government, especially respecting native questions.

Transportation Topics.

Local reports state that the C. P. R. has decided to make a start upon the construction of the line from Woodstock to Brantford in the spring.

C. W. P. Ramsey has been appointed acting division engineer of construction, lines east of Montreal, succeeding the late H. L. Jordon. Mr. Ramsey was formerly in the Toronto construction office.

N. Holdenby has been appointed Grand Trunk agent at Bluevale, on the northern division.

The C. P. R. is reported to have acquired a large waterside property at Sarnia, formerly owned by the Sarnia Bay Lumber Co.

Probably Murdered.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Louis B. Freey, a well-to-do resident of Moundsville, W. Va., and the owner of several race horses, was found dead in a room at a hotel at Benwood Junction surrounded by flames. Circumstances point to his having been murdered. He came from Ohio last Saturday with considerable money.

New Battleship Launched.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 15.—The United States armored cruiser Montana was successfully launched here to-day. The vessel was christened by Miss Minnie Conrad, daughter of W. G. Conrad of Montana.

Cook's Cotton Root Compound.

The great Uterine Tonic, and only safe effectual Monthly Regulator on which women can depend. Sold in three degrees of strength—No. 1, $1; No. 2, 10 degrees stronger, $3; No. 3, for special case, $5 per box. Sold by all druggists, or sent prepaid on receipt of price. Free pamphlet. Address: THE COOK MEDICINE CO., TORONTO, ONT. (formerly Windsor)

APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION NOT DIVINE INSTITUTION

Anglican Orders Not Authorized by Sacred Word, Declares Montreal Clergyman.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—"That man has read more than his prayer books said," is the comment of a good lady while discussing Rev. Dr. Symonds' remarkable sermon in Christ's Church Cathedral. The doctor's utterances are in fact, the talk of the city, consisting as they did of a bold attack on apostolic succession.

The reverend gentleman went on to say that episcopacy was not a divine institution, and that the Anglican orders of the Christian ministry were not authorized by the Sacred Word. Nowhere in the Scriptures, said the vicar, could one find a reference to "three distinct orders" of the Christian ministry, such as were found in the Church of England to-day. These were an after development in the church; they were not of Christ's appointment, nor were they synchronous with apostolic times.

The New Testament distinctly mentioned the fact that Christ sent forth apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and doctors to do His work, but nowhere was there a reference to His having ordained bishops, priests and deacons. These orders were neither instituted by Christ, nor had they Scriptural warrant. The terms bishop and presbyter, wherever encountered in the New Testament, were alternative names by which the ministers of the Apostolic Church were known. They did not then possess the individuality that the church at present attached to them. They were not indicative of two different grades in the ministry.

It was safe to say, therefore, that episcopacy, as practised in the church to-day, was totally unknown in apostolic times. Whatever its advantages, it was not a divine institution.

That being the case, how foolish it seemed, in these days when the churches were evidencing a desire to come together, for the Church of England to insist that no scheme of union would meet with its acceptance that did not provide for the retention of "historic episcopate."

The doctrine of "apostolical succession" could not be proved from the Word of God; in fact, the success that had attended non-episcopically-ordained clergymen in their work was a convincing argument that the grace of God was not limited in its operation to men who had had the hands of a bishop laid upon their heads, and who thereby had received episcopal ordination.

GUILTY OF ASSAULT.

Jury Took Complainant's Version of Story Against Frank Whittam.

Frank Whittam was tried Saturday in the sessions on the charge of committing an aggravated asault on Mrs. Garvie, a woman about 60 years of age. Both families lived in flats in the same house, 294 East King-street.

Mrs. Garvie swore that Whittam came to her door and asked for her son, Tom. She told him Tom would be home at 6 o'clock. Whittam then struck her on the back of the head and knocked her down. When she got up, he struck her again, nearly tearing her ear off, and knocking her down against a rocking chair. Her story was not corroborated, but it is the same as she told the police and doctor shortly after the affair occurred.

Whittam's story is that when he came home from work he found Mrs. Garvie lying drunk at the bottom of the stairs, and a broken whiskey bottle by her side. He helped her up to her room, and she turned on him in a drunken frenzy, pulled his hair, and fell against a chair. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty, with a strong recommendation for mercy. Judge Winchester deferred sentence.

The accused was defended by J. W. Curry, K. C., and Mr. Drayton prosecuted.

E. D. MARCEAU PRESIDENT.

Election of Officers of Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association

Montreal, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—E. D. Marceau, a prominent French-Canadian, is now head of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association. The financial report read in the annual meeting last evening showed a surplus of $28,750. During the year the revenue amounted to between $60,000 and $70,000, and death claims to the extent of $35,000 were paid.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, E. D. Marceau; vice-president, John Patterson; secretary, Robert C. Wilkins; treasurer, H. W. Wadsworth; directors, E. E. Guilbault, A. J. Brown, A. L. Friedman, James Robertson and Major John T. McBride.

WIFE ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 15.—Joseph M. Neil, a former prizefighter, and a woman known as his wife, went to an hotel last night and were assigned a room. Soon the woman asked for a doctor, saying that Neil was ill. Dr. Thompson found the man dead, with a black mark under his right eye. The woman also had a black eye, but did not explain how Neil met his death. She was allowed to go to New York to see her mother, as she explained.

Neil lived here and owned considerable property. He died from a blood clot on the brain.

Mrs. Neil was arrested at the home of her mother in Harlem to-night, on a warrant charging her with murder.

SHOES FOR SANTA CLAUS.

Mr. Cummings Says He Has Shoes as Well as Slippers.

At the Slater Shoe Store on Yonge-street, Mr. Chas. Cummings has prepared a special display of high-class shoes in the $4, $5 and $6 lines for ladies and gentlemen.

"I have already sold many pairs of fine shoes for ladies, and some for boys, and they are all carefully laid aside for delivery on Christmas Eve. To my mind shoes are just as desirable and acceptable as slippers, and they are the useful, thoughtful gift. We always exchange shoes, and in the event of our not being able to satisfy the taste of the recipient we cheerfully refund the money," said Mr. Cummings.

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THE ST. PATRICK CHAPTER.

Annual Elections—Banquet and Presentation—Benevolent Action.

At the second annual convocation of the St. Patrick Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, held on Saturday evening, the following officers were elected: Z., Geo. McQuillan; I.P.Z., John A. Cowan; H., Col. George Sterling Ryerson; J., Chas. Smith; S.E., W. S. Milne; S.N., H. Leeson; P.S., B. Cairns; treasurer, C. J. Hohl; janitor, James Pritchard.

After the election the companions were banqueted and entertained by the St. Patrick Quartet Corps, Arthur Blight, M. T. Lester, C. Reiner, W. Riley, J. Fiddes, H. De Mille, Bert Harvey, R. Jamieson and Donald McGregor, the latter being the recipient of a gold-mounted umbrella from the members of the chapter. During the evening the members present contributed nearly $150 to the family of a deceased companion. The St. Patrick Chapter, altho the youngest in Toronto, is now the largest capitular body in Canada, having about 450 members. Prominent R. A. Masons present were H. A. Collins, Robert Brennan, W. R. House, James Glanville, J. J. Mains, J. T. P. Lee, E. J. Repath, George P. Shanly, W. S. Milne, F. C. Baker, W. Croft and J. Hutchings. The attendance was a record breaker, and the vote the largest ever cast in a chapter in Canada.

INDEPENDENT PHONE MERGER WHICH AFFECTS FIVE STATES

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—The American Union Telegraph Co., a consolidation of nearly all the independent telephone companies in Pennsylvania, Southern New York, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, was permanently organized to-day.

Ellis Orvis of Belmont, Pa., was elected president; S. R. Caldwell, secretary and treasurer, and E. D. Houck of Harrisburg, general manager.

FORMER ST. CATHARINES MAN CONTESTS VICTORIA MAYORALTY

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—T. W. Patterson, M.L.A. for the Islands, formerly of the railway building firm of Larkin, Connelly & Patterson of St. Catharines, is a candidate for the Victoria mayoralty against the present mayor, Morley.

ROOSEVELT AND PEARY.

Washington, Dec. 15.—At the annual dinner to-night of the National Geographic Society, Commander Robert E. Peary was presented with a gold medal for having reached fartheat north. President Roosevelt was the guest of honor and made the presentation.

WILL GO TO WEST AFRICA.

London, Dec. 16.—G. W. McKay, partner of Dr. Eccles of Queen's-avenue, has accepted a position in the colonial medical service in West Africa.

Reduced Rates for Xmas and New Year's.

An opportunity to visit home, or your friends, for a few days. Single fare via the Grand Trunk from all stations in Canada, also to Detroit, Buffalo, Suspension Bridge and Port Huron. Tickets good going Dec. 24 and 25, returning until Dec. 26 at single fare; also Dec. 21 and Jan. 1, returning until Jan. 2; and at fare and one-third tickets are good going Dec. 21 to 25 inclusive, and Dec. 28 to Jan. 1 inclusive, returning until Jan. 3. Tickets may be secured at any Grand Trunk ticket office.

Tunnel 3600 Feet Long.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 15.—The tunnel thru Lookout Mountain, driven by the Southern Railway, is finished, the working parties meeting to-day.

The tunnel is 3600 feet long and in its course penetrates a cave filled with beautiful stalactites.

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"DREADNAUGHT" DAMAGED.

Britain's Mightiest Battleship Has Two Plates Badly Indented.

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 15.—An examination to-day of the battleship Dreadnaught, now in dock, showed that two plates on the port side are badly indented and must be replaced.

It is believed the Dreadnaught struck some sunken wreckage during recent trials.

SIX MEN BLOWN TO BITS.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Six men met instant death to-day in a dynamite explosion in North Carolina, about 24 miles from Newport, Tenn. A load of dynamite for a blast exploded while being tampered, tearing six men into shreds, and seriously injuring a seventh.

COBOURG AUCTIONEER'S DEATH.

Cobourg, Dec. 15.—James Kirk, for many years an auctioneer of this town, dropped dead about 6 o'clock this evening.

What About a Holiday Visit?

Single fare for the round trip applies via Grand Trunk for Xmas from all stations in Canada, and also to Detroit, Port Huron, Buffalo and Suspensian Bridge, tickets good going Dec. 24 and 25, returning until Dec. 26, and for New Year's, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, returning until Jan. 2, and fare and one-third rate tickets are good going Dec. 21 to 25 inclusive, and Dec. 28 to Jan. 1, returning until Jan. 3. Tickets may be secured at any Grand Trunk ticket office; city office, Toronto, northwest corner King and Yonge-streets.

Fire at Kincardine.

Kincardine, Dec. 15.—A fire broke out this evening in a frame building on West Queen-street, occupied by the John Durward marble works, Thos. Scott's implement shop, and William Harvey's paint shop. The building will be a total wreck.

Fugitive From Justice.

London, Dec. 15.—Detectives Egleton and Rider this morning arrested a young man who gave his name as Isadore Levy, who escaped some time ago from Rahway, N. J. Reformatory. While in the city Levy has been working as a tailor in a King-street shop.

Innocent, But Confesses to Murder.

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 15.—David Curtis, the youth who said he killed Dona Gilman, was to-day released. Relatives testified that he was not mentally responsible.

Wages Go Up.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 15.—Millowners in this state, employing about 25,000 hands, to-day announced that they would grant an increase of 7 1-2 per cent. in wages.

Sultan Will Help.

Tangier, Dec. 15.—The representative of the Sultan of Morocco, Mohammed El Torres, to-day notified the diplomatic corps that the sultan had instructed the minister of war, who is expected to arrive here shortly from Fez at the head of a body of troops, to co-operate in the carrying out of the reforms provided for by the Algeciras convention.

Hair-Food

It does not have life enough, that's the trouble with your hair! There is something wrong with the hair-bulbs. They are slowly starving! Then feed them at once! Give them a regular hair-food—Ayer's Hair Vigor. It checks falling hair, keeps the scalp healthy and free from dandruff. A little of it often does great things for the hair and scalp. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.